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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please reconsider the Restriction Requirement mailed November 22, 2002 in view of the following remarks. This response is timely because a Request for a One-Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are filed herewith.

REMARKS

The examiner has issued a six-way restriction requirement. Group I, which contains claims 1-10, is drawn to a system for transmission of power and/or information. Group II, which contains claims 11-13, is drawn to a method for transmitting power and/or information. Group III, which contains claims 14-22, is drawn to a medical appliance comprised of a stent and monitoring device. Group IV, which contains claim 23, is drawn to an artificial muscle stimulation system. Group V, which contains claim 24, is drawn to a method for implementing an artificial stimulation system. Group VI, which contains claim 25, is drawn to a method for transmitting information. Applicants elect Group I with traverse.